

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-3977

Ana Laura Rodriguez,

Petitioner,

v.

John Ashcroft, Attorney General of the
United States,

Respondent.

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* Petition for Review of an Order
* of the Board of Immigration
* Appeals.

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Before RILEY, McMILLIAN, and SMITH, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Ana Laura Rodriguez, a citizen of Guatemala, petitions for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) affirming an Immigration Judge's (IJ's) denial of Rodriguez's application for asylum, withholding of removal, and relief under the Convention Against Torture. After careful review of the record, we deny the petition because the evidence does not compel reversal. See Navarajo-Barrios v. Ashcroft, 322 F.3d 561, 562 (8th Cir. 2003). Rodriguez failed to produce evidence that the guerrillas who attempted to recruit her did so on account of any particular political opinion that she held, see INS v. Elias-Zacarias, 502 U.S. 478, 482 (1992);

Dominguez v. Ashcroft, 336 F.3d 678, 680 (8th Cir. 2003), and the government presented evidence of changed conditions in Guatemala, including the peace accords ending the civil war and overt political participation by the former guerrillas, see Melecio-Saquil v. Ashcroft, 337 F.3d 983, 986-87 (8th Cir. 2003).

In addition, we conclude that Rodriguez's claims for withholding of removal and relief under the Convention Against Torture fail. See Francois v. INS, 283 F.3d 926, 932-33 (8th Cir. 2002) (finding that substantial evidence supporting denial of request for asylum also supported denial of withholding of deportation, because standard for withholding is more onerous); 8 C.F.R. § 208.16(c)(2) (claimant must establish torture more likely than not if removed to proposed country of removal).

Accordingly, we deny the petition.
